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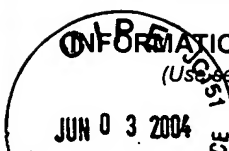
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	1	US 6,317,552	11/13/01	BERKEY		
	2	US 6,314,219	6/11/01	ZHANG		
	3	US 4,958,905	9/25/90	TYNES		

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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4	EP 1 184 693 A2	8/28/01				
5	EP 1 202 090 a1	7/3/01				
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